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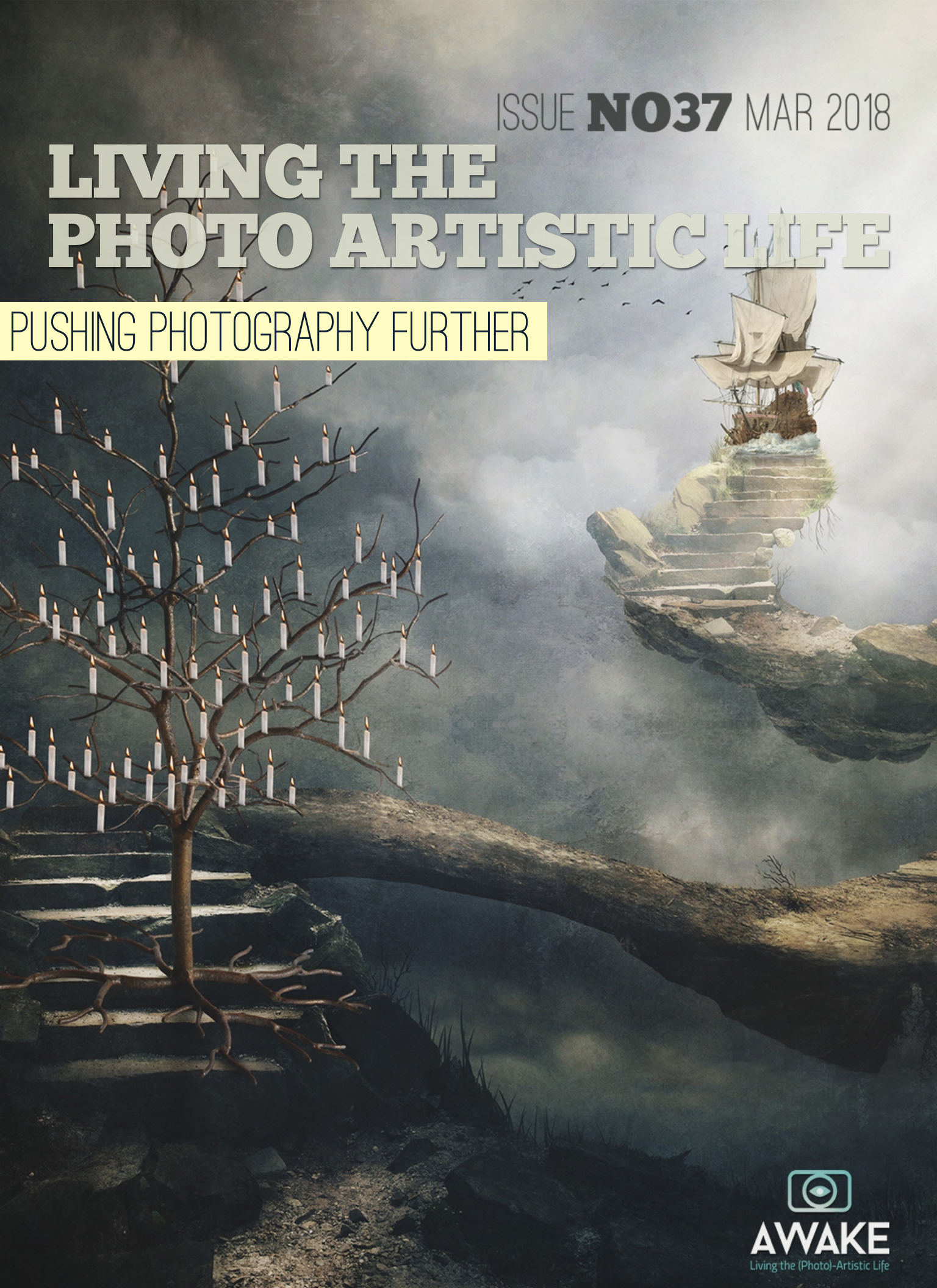

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# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

## SEBASTIAN MICHAELS

It's appropriate really.

The work you find published here each month is ***layered*** artwork, you see. Each image started with one or more photographs, a texture or two, and then goodness knows how many more elements besides. All the materials were then layered, blended, brought together through craft and artistry.

Drawing from what to anyone else might appear commonplace, it was somewhere in the *combining* that something magical occurred.

And such are the lives of the artists themselves.

They're layered, I mean. They're magical.

This bringing together of disparate objects and ideas sits at the very center of the photo artistic life. Where others see only the surface (if even that much), artists see *further* and *deeper*. Then take it all up and CREATE something new from it.

That is what makes them artists.

Artists live deeply imaginative lives. Many-layered lives. They dream waking dreams others never glimpse.

Equipped with camera, iPhone, or computer, they gather their materials from day to day — often the most unexpected things. Guided by either vision or intuition, they then throw the elements together in fresh new ways, seeing how various pieces might fit when combined.

And as the work begins to take shape, they submerge themselves in the process and seek to *amplify* the ideas and themes that arise and call out to them.

What's more, in bringing it all together in some new way, they often achieve something quite profound:

They manage to reveal something deeper than any of the materials alone could express.

The photograph was simply a photograph. Now it is but one element amidst many, one layer among dozens of others brought together and assembled on the canvas.

And to the extent the artist has succeeded in the enchantment, we delight in the finished piece.

But it all began with a simple photo. A simple idea. Then another image, a further idea. Each step leading us further and further from the familiar world, deeper and deeper into the artist's realm.

It is HERE the photo artist lives and stakes out his or her imaginative territory.

What an amazing thing it is to think of all the images, ideas, thoughts and feelings at play here within these pages. From the hearts and minds, the eyes and hands of artists all across the world.

All the layers of a creative life richly lived and all the hours spent sorting through the materials and obervations of a lifetime — brought together on canvas . . . magnificent, many-faceted gifts for you to savor and explore.

Each a miracle.

Much like the artists themselves.

- Sebastian
https://QuillAndCamera.com

Image by Gail Edwards (Canada)
https://artboja.com/art/gvw704/

## Djumana

Billa Bozem
(Germany)

https://artboja.com/art/8rn7ir/

## A Happy Place

ALBaMass
(Australia)

https://artboja.com/art/nsthnn/

Wise Old Owl

Pamela Huntington
(USA)

Shadows on Stage

Shadow and I

Tiyana Marjanovic
(UK)

http://www.tiyanaart.com/

Shhhhh

Keeper of the Light

Marie Otero
(USA)

http://www.marieotero.com/

## Awakening

Lauren Martin
(USA)

http://www.paintedhandhotography.com/

The Arabian

Laura Lipke
(USA)

http://www.lauralipke.com/
https://artboja.com/art/fmd6h2/

The Cross

Winter Meets Spring

Teddi Rutschman
(USA)

http://www.foxeysquirrel.com/

Sweet Dreams

## Mother Widow

Janet Sipl
(USA)

http://www.flickr.com/photos/janetsipl/

## Minerva

Kristin Couch
(Sweden)

http://www.kcfotos.se/
http://www.artboja.com/stinacc

http://www.cherylparrisphotography.com/

## Rowing Home on a Snowy Night

Cheryl Parris
(USA)

## Solitude

March Madness

Michelle Drummond
(New Zealand)

Thicket
Legion



http://enchanted-reality.blogspot.co.nz/
https://www.facebook.com/Whimiscal.Imagery/

## Springtime Visitor

Pam Henderson
(Australia)

https://artboja.com/art/dmfi9d/
https://www.facebook.com/snapnshootdesigns/

## Where Words Fail, Music Speaks

Vibeke Alvestad Johansen
(Norway)

https://artboja.com/art/1etkg2/
http://www.imagocollectico.no/

Spirit of Peace

Bernie Tuffs
(UK)

The Rescuer

https://artboja.com/art/utucc4/

Divine Horse Whisperer

Barbara A Lane
(USA)

Pirate's Cove

http://www.barbaraalane.com/
https://artboja.com/art/y36pod/

## The Girl, the Nature and the Music

Darkfish
(Germany)

http://www.darkfish-photoart.de/

Deus Ex Machina

Bethany Perron
(USA)

https://artboja.com/art/hcrvyv/

## Guardian

Cherry Hammons
(USA)

https://artboja.com/art/255svz/
https://www.facebook.com/Cherrysartworks/

Winter Solstice Light

Anna Czekala
(France)

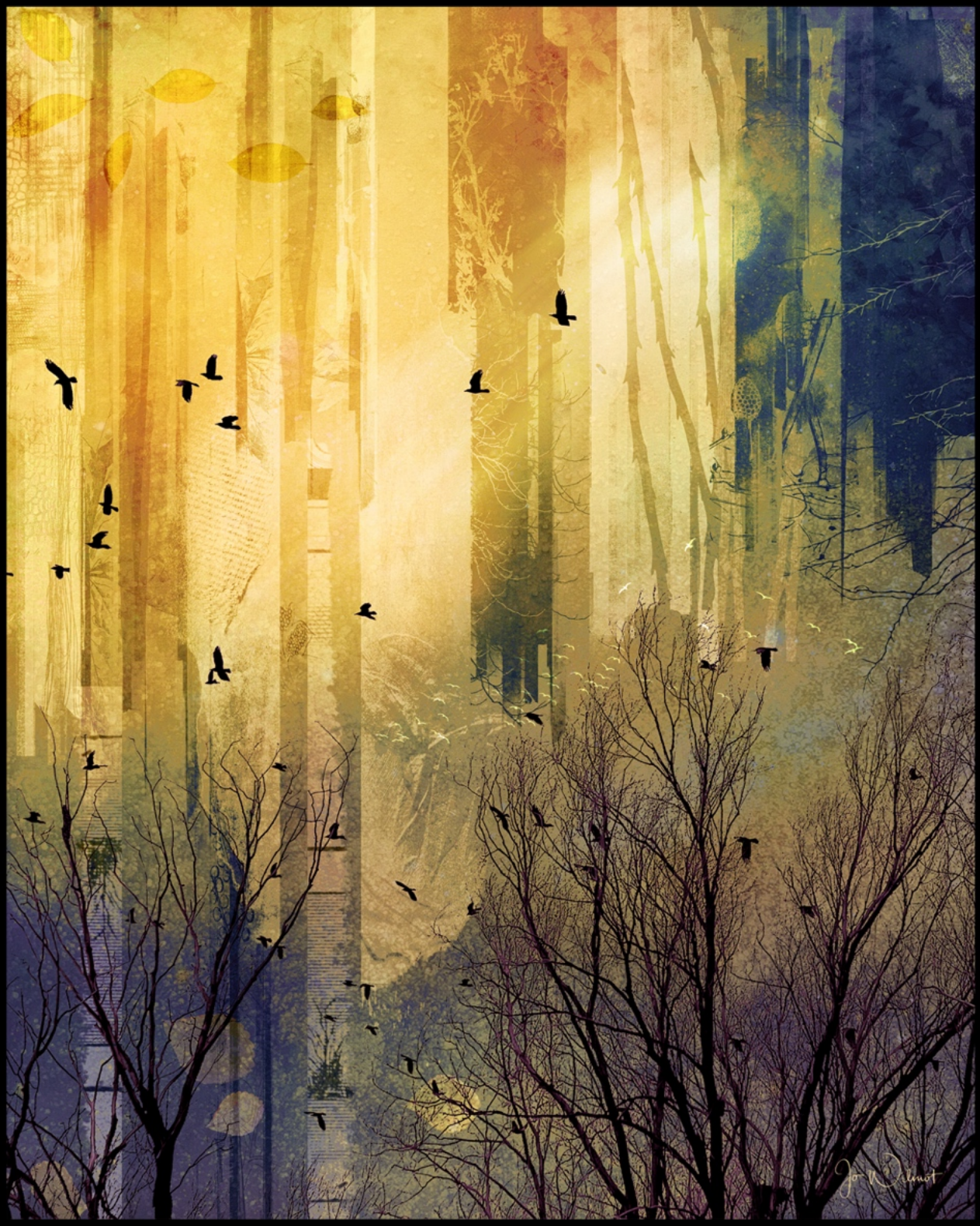
Night's Daughter

Once Upon a Time

Amelia Blanco
(Cuba)

Reality Bytes

http://www.ameliablanco.com/
http://www.ameliabdigitalartistry.com/



## City Trees

Jo Wilmot
(USA)

http://jowilmotartistry.com/

Beautiful are the Feet that
Worship with a Dance

Clarissa Wilson
(USA)

http://clarissawilson.com/

## The Roses

Jean Hutter
(USA)

http://www.jeanmhutter.com/
https://artboja.com/art/wh7jv6/

Tortured
Heart

Charlene Maginn
(Canada)

Warrior

# Featured Artist

## Lou Ann Donahue

Opens at Midnight

"Since joining **Photoshop Artistry** and the **AWAKE** community, my heart beats a little faster every time I turn on my computer or pick up my camera. It has opened my eyes to all the beauty that is right in front of us. The ability to add some magic to this life through art makes every day the ultimate adventure."

The World Behind

Crested Crane

Awake

“ If your heart loves your work, if your soul resonates with your art, then you have succeeded in being a true artist. ”

Return to the Sea

The Star Thief

Lou Ann Donahue

(USA)

https://artboja.com/art/hcghtr/

## The Piper

Jim Laskowicz
(USA)

http://artboja.com/art/kghhxj

Hilltop Tree

Delia Quigley
(USA)

http://www.bluegardenia4.com/

I Am

Under the
Lamp Post

Susan Jones
(UK)

https://artboja.com/art/3e60mz/

Through the
Window

## Miner Mike - Tombstone

Jeff Valdez
(USA)

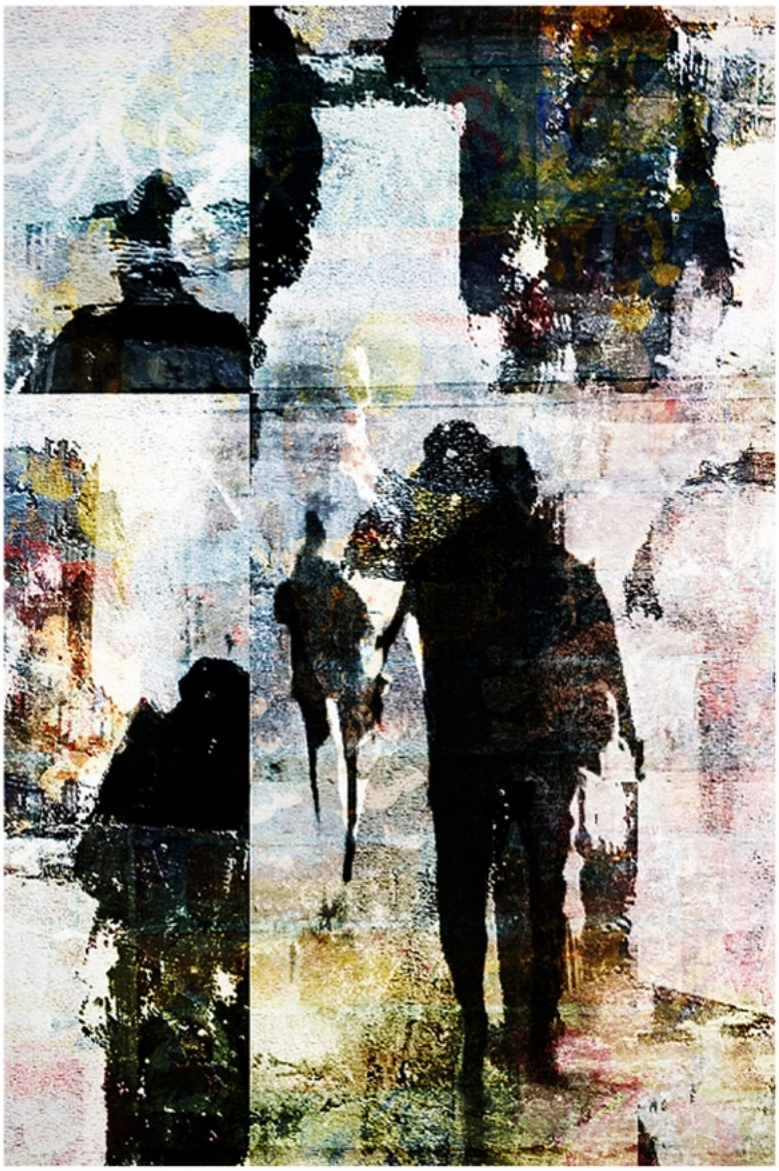
http://artboja.com/art/pemm4v

## Rainy Day

Rebecah Thompson
(USA)

http://www.rebecahthompsondi.com/
https://www.artboja.com/art/qawqkh/

Hurry!



Jill Booker
(Canada)

https://www.behance.net/PrairieJill

Fragmentation

Lone Cypress Tree

Ray Kingsbury
(USA)

http://www.rk2studio.com/

River Road

By the Light of the Moon

Nina Irvin
(USA)

https://artboja.com/art/3whzmg/

The Forest's Edge

Ann Wehner
(Australia)

The Swan Maidens

http://www.annwehnerdigitalartistry.com/

Escape

Barbara Dudzinska
(Australia)

Fisherman

http://smartartplace.com/
https://artboja.com/art/7qn7s6/

The Storm

Louise Campbell
(Australia)

https://artboja.com/art/uaoyol/
http://www.facebook.com/DigitDesignStudio

There's a Crack
in Everything

One More Tear

Soumaya Schnur
(USA / Morocco)

A Warm Spot in Winter

Andy Dench
(Canada)

http://www.augustnaudephotography.com/
https://artboja.com/art/akrxnj/

Letting Go ...

August Naude
(South Africa)

Victory

Wiccan Love Spells

http://www.juliepowellphotography.com/

Julie Powell
(Australia)

Snow Queen

## Lighting the Way

Codie Moore
(USA)

http://www.codiemoore.com/
http://artboja.com/art/w3juh4

## By the Sea

Patricia K. Saizan
(USA)

http://www.patsaizanphotography.com/

Reassuring
Her Cub

Lou Ann Goodrich
(USA)

louanngoodrich-photoartist.com
http://artboja.com/art/sheqeg

The Pause

Wolf's Ode to the Moon

Leanne M Williams
(Australia)

Wings of Time

https://artboja.com/art/d0l9th/
https://www.facebook.com/leannemwilliamsimages/

## Breathe In

Beverly Everson
(USA)

http://www.eversonphotography.com/

## Purple You

Diep Tran
(Australia)

https://artboja.com/art/6bqn2g/
https://www.facebook.com/tranphotography/

Windswept

Nicole Wilde
(USA)

The Sound of Magic

http://www.photomagicalart.com/

Quiet Venetian
Back Street

David Walker
(UK)

http://vista-foto.com/
https://artboja.com/art/9zpbui/

Spit and
Polish

## Italian Romance

Bill Thomson
(USA)

https://artboja.com/art/4mrbxa/

## Cypress Reflection

Dave Hattori
(USA)

http://www.davehattoriphotoart.com/
https://artboja.com/art/fhfufs/

The Skater

Catherine King
(USA)

http://www.ckingfineart.com/

The Orb in
the Forest

The Long Fall from Grace

Bronwyn Kenmir
(Australia)

https://artboja.com/art/bpr5pe/

## Winged Hope

Denise McDermott
(Australia)

http://www.imagesbydenise.net/
http://www.artboja.com/art/vshjgn

## Shattered Time

Diana Gorski
(Canada)

The Party
is Over

Ann Lavin
(Australia)

https://artboja.com/art/d6au4o/

Sunset

Metamorphosis

Dan Lavery
(Canada)

A Celestial Dig

https://artboja.com/art/gcjfzb/

The Warrior -
Man or Machine?

The Bride

Dori Fleming
(UK)

About a Bear

Leslie Schrader-Fagnan
(USA)

Dwell in Possibility



http://www.artbeatimages.com/

## Field Flowers

Julianna Zdunich
(Germany / USA)

https://www.instagram.com/juliannazdunich/

## Time and Tide ...

Thysje Arthur
(New Zealand)

http://www.tgagraphics.co.nz/
https://artboja.com/art/wpqa4m/

One for
Sorrow

Cathrine Blan
(UK)

Lady of
the Wood

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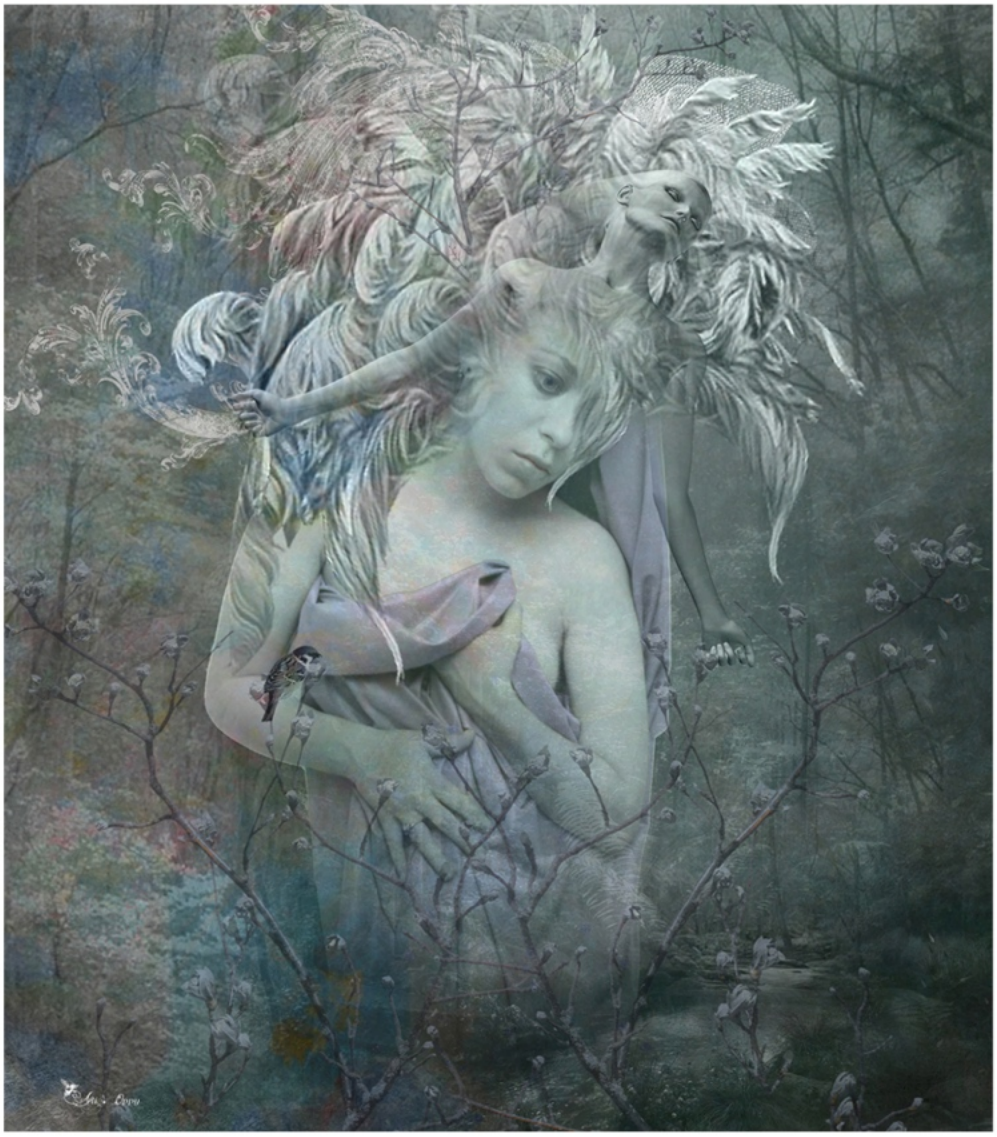
https://artboja.com/art/316xid/

Face of Space

Ali Oppy
(New Zealand)



Forest Spirit

https://mystic-sparrow.pixels.com/
https://artboja.com/art/lzqpfy/

## The Magician

Deborah de Juan
(USA)

https://www.mycornerattheedgeoftheworld.com/

Eye of the Storm

Ingrid Pomeroy
(USA)

Losing Me

Tonnie Wolfe
(USA)

http://www.tonniewolfe.com/

Turbulence

## The Race

Richard Strange
(England)

Iris

Kathryn Vince
(USA)

https://artboja.com/art/seuxtx/

Stevie

My New Reality

Kim Marston
(USA)

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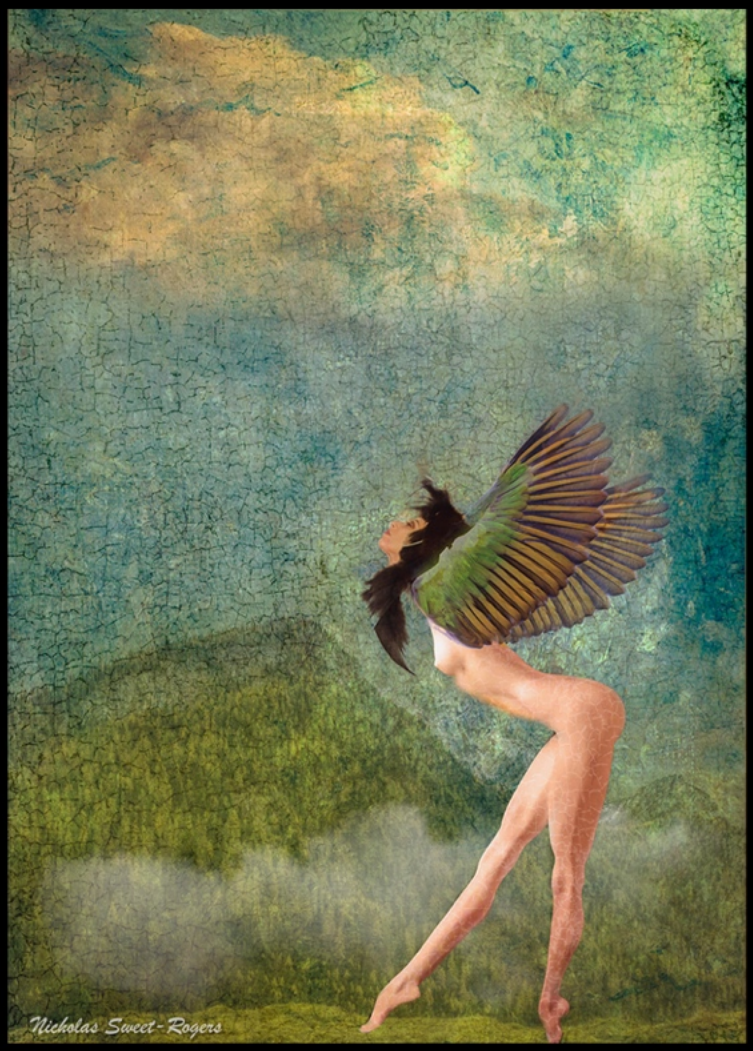
Calling




Maiden Flight

Nicholas Sweet-Rogers
(UK)

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The Eternal City

## Breath Of Autumn

Diana Haronis
(USA)

http://www.dianasphotoart.com/
https://artboja.com/art/e482ju/

Autumn Daze

Pat Sierra
(South Africa)

https://www.flickr.com/photos/153712109@N08/
https://www.facebook.com/sierraart17/

Papillon

Sheri Emerson
(USA / Canada)

http://www.photoartbysheri.ca/
http://www.sheriemerson.com/

Does Anyone Really
Know What Time It Is?

## Drops on Pink

Paulo Crus
(Brazil / USA)

http://paulocrus.com/
https://artboja.com/art/tagyma/

https://artboja.com/art/8u4kld

Kelvin Carrington
(USA)

Time Flies

Girl In Sunlight

Vanity

Phil Clark
(USA)

https://artboja.com/art/63a1fk/

In the Moment

Dee Adams
(South Africa)

Bringing Up the Rear

https://artboja.com/art/ej3muf/

## Blending Seasons

Jacqueline Sajewski
(USA)

By the Light of
the Dark Moon

Luana Laubscher
(South Africa)

Animal Friends

Nancie Rowan
(USA)

Remember When We Played Together

https://artboja.com/art/j98ilq/

Who is Watching

https://artboja.com/art/p41f0u/

Merrilee Soberg
(Canada)

Moment of Stillness - Black-headed Ibis

## I Spy

Viv Buckley
(Ireland)

http://vivbuckley.com/
http://www.artboja.com/art/xkk5gq/

## Discovery

Marilynn Evans
(USA)

Journal

Maggy R.
Thorvaldsdottir Pease
(USA)

Vision

https://artboja.com/art/3d2tlc/
https://maggy.myportfolio.com/

Being
Sheltered

TD Matthews
(USA)

http://www.500px.com/tmphotoman

Opus 151

The Sleeping Hours

Gail Edwards
(Canada)

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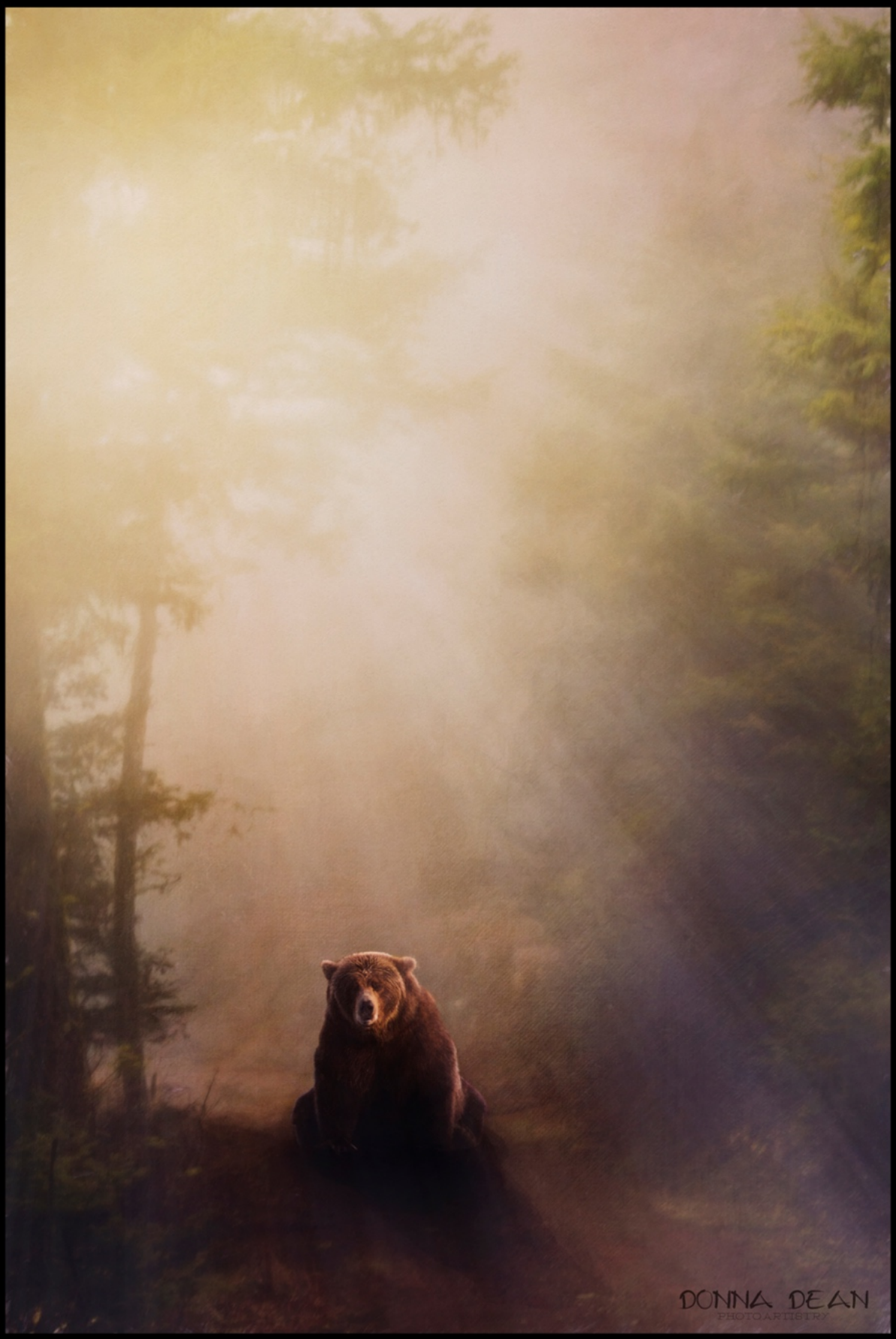


http://www.donnadean.ca/

Donna Dean
(Canada)

Nature Walk

Lost

ReNae Ravan
(USA)

Mad Hatter's Daughter

Sonia Pusey
(Australia)

Time Flies

Beyond the Lens

## Angel Glow

Ilona Abou-Zolof
(Australia)

http://www.ilonaabouzolof.com/
http://www.zolof.net/

Verina

Rochelle Marshall
(New Zealand)

Cinema City

Eduardo Llerandi
(USA)

Railtrack

Catching Dreams

Evelyn Elwan
(USA)

# CONTRIBUTING DESIGNERS

## "AWAKE" : LIVING THE PHOTO ARTISTIC LIFE

### Amanda Rockwell

**http://www.brushworkshop.com**

A professional designer with ScrapbookGraphics, Amanda Rockwell creates fantastic content for the AWAKE and KAIZEN groups. But I think her greatest contribution is in encouraging digital artists to get away from their screens and break out the art supplies now and then and actually have fun creating their own custom brushes.

### Anna Aspnes

**http://annaaspnesdesigns.com**

Again and again in the work of my top students I was seeing one name turn up constantly when they were citing the source of the artistic content in their work: Anna Aspnes. When I visited her website I was stunned, and when I saw her work in *Somerset Digital Studio* magazine I knew that this was a talent I needed on my team.

## Caroline Julia Moore

**https://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/CarolineJuliaMoore**

Over the past two years, I've watched as the immensely talented Caroline Julia Moore shifted from cognitive neuropsychologist to full-time self-employed artist and conceptual photographer … all while also launching a successful content-design business. Her contributions to the group have been a delight and an inspiration.

## Cheryl Tarrant

**http://www.distressedtextures.net**

Cheryl Tarrant is the brilliant creator behind the superb iPhone app Distressed FX and the immensely popular content design studio Distressed Textures. In looking at her artwork, one can't but wonder if her images are paintings or photographs. And her textures are simply divine. We're very lucky to have her working with us as a designer!

## Denise Love
**http://2lilowls.com**

The textures and backgrounds from 2 Lil' Owls are some of the finest in the digital art industry, and indeed many of the works in this magazine feature Denise's textures — often several in one piece. Without question the photo-artistic community is so much the richer for the love and care Denise brings to her designs.

## Foxeysquirrel
**http://www.foxeysquirrel.com**

Immensely popular (and stunningly prolific), Foxeysquirrel is the name by which artist Teddi Rutschman is known around the world. Her artistic design kits bring together a wide range of styles — from the enchanted and purely whimsical to classic illustration, from the exquisitely ornate to elements with touches of dreamlike old world mastery.

# itKuPiLLi
## http://www.mischiefcircus.com/

itKuPiLLi is the rather unusual name donned by Kirsi Rouvinen, the celebrated digital artist from Finland. The itKuPiLLi Imagenarium at MischiefCircus.com is a source for whimsical digital goodies, and the content Kirsi creates for our KAIZEN group is always greeted with excitement and enthusiasm.

# Jai Johnson
## http://www.DailyTexture.com

Jai Johnson is a fine artist and the acclaimed designer behind "The Daily Texture." Time and again when a work of digital artistry caught my eye, I'd find Jai's name listed in the credits as the texture designer. It took some time to get her, but I'm extremely excited to now have Jai an active member of our KAIZEN design team.

## Jen Maddocks
**http://jenmaddocks.com**

When some students introduced me to the work of Jen Maddocks, I was quite knocked flat. Here was a digital content creator who was as fabulous an artist as she was a designer. We are lucky to have her in our community and MORE than lucky to have her material and tutorials here in "AWAKE" and "KAIZEN."

## Jill Catrinel
**http://curiousandcultivated.com/**

Jill Catrinel works out of her art studio just north of Asheville, making her one of the few designers here quite close to me. Her work is fresh and inspired, and it's exciting to look ahead to everything I will be able to coordinate with her as the projects in the "KAIZEN" group evolve over the year ahead.

# Julie Mead
**https://e-scapeandscrap.net**

It's always exciting to see creative success stories, and Julie Mead has certainly become one! She stepped into the digital content scene not long ago it seems, but rapidly brought on a bunch of great designers (and of course created a wonderful stream of original content herself). We're lucky to have her on our team!

# Kim Klassen
**http://kimklassen.com**

Kim Klassen was one of the very first truly world-class artists I had the immense privilege of working with when I first launched the original Photoshop Artistry course. It was her textures (and her photography) that first caught my attention. Only later did I realized how wonderful she is as a teacher as well.

# CONTRIBUTING DESIGNERS

## "AWAKE" : LIVING THE PHOTO ARTISTIC LIFE

### Michelle Mondragon

**http://mondragonphotoanddesign.com/**

Recently we've brought on the talented photographer and artist Michelle Mondragon as part of our team (though she prefers to think of herself as a "creative"). She has been providing a steady stream of extraordinary content for our AWAKE artists to use in their compositions. We are beyond excited to have her with us.

### Rebecca McMeen

**http://www.rebeccamcmeen.com/**

Joining our team just this year, Rebecca McMeen has proven a tremendous hit with her extraordinary material, all of it so rich and complex, whimsical and artistic. Her unique style has made for a fantastic addition to the library of content our artists are now able to employ, and the resulting creations are endlessly charming.

# Tangie Baxter

**https://shoptangiebaxter.com/**

Tangie Baxter is the lead artist of her own wildly successful design company with over a decade spent as dedicated “purveyors of digital art journaling supplies.” Her material is quirky and fun, and always a delight. Bringing her onto our team was a big event for us. Everything here got a lot more exciting with her arrival!

# The Colby Files

**http://www.thecolbyfiles.com/**

The Colby Files is the intriguing moniker of a celebrated professional photographer located in Scottsdale, Arizona, specializing in female portraits, fashion art, model portfolios and fine art nudes. He has become our resident pro model photographer, providing an amazing library of images for our artists to work with when creating their masterpieces.

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**of the AWAKE Artists Further at:**

# http://www.ArtBoja.com

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